



# **Technical Memorandum Soil Excavation Optimization**



## **Parcel C Remedial Action Remedial Units C1, C2, C4, and C5 Hunters Point Naval Shipyard San Francisco, California**

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# Tech Memo



The following location types where COCs are present in soil at concentrations exceeding RGs were considered:

- Tier 1 locations: excavation areas where soil concentrations are greater than the RRGs as established in the ROD (Tier 1 action levels).
- Tier 2 locations: excavation areas where soil concentrations are greater than 5 times the RRGs (Tier 2 action levels).
- Tier 3 locations: excavation areas where soil concentrations are greater than 10 times the RRGs (Tier 3 action levels).

Note: Tier action levels apply to metals and PCBs only. The action levels for TPH, VOCs and pesticides are equal to the RRGs in all tiers. Similar tiered approaches have been used in Parcels E and E-2 at HPNS.



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## Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> : Action Items

- 1) Ensure that all 4 of the RUC2 excavations are incorporated into the RUC2 Final Work Plan, using the same rationale as applied to RUC 1, 4 and 5, and if not, issue change pages.  
**No change pages needed. Excavations will be conducted per the RAWP.**  
**Depth of excavation will be determined by confirmation samples collected 1' below depth of previous RG exceedance.**
- 2) Agency comments on RUC1, 4, 5 Draft RAWP and Tech Memo due **3/29**
- 3) Navy preparing table identifying which excavations may require a change to ROD, if any, and which will be "optimization" of the RD.
- 4) Navy to provide additional detail in Tech Memo regarding how we came to optimizing excavations and the history of this transition
- 5) Navy and contractor to work closely with Risk Assessor on revising Tech Memo language and putting together a risk communication strategy



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6) Navy to provide additional detail regarding what contaminants are left in place once a Tier is applied and why those will be left in place; specifically related to risk related to:

- future land use
- groundwater contamination
- proximity to the bay/migration potential
- manganese left in place

Navy to revise tech memo for the following:

- 7) indicate that confirmation sampling will follow RAWP/SAP protocol
- 8) have consistent colors and legends throughout figures
- 9) focus explanation on risk rather than statistical significance
- 10) support no further action where removals have been completed



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Navy to revise tech memo for the following:

- 11) be consistent in descriptions of changes from RD (no change/reduce depth)
- 12) add average depth that prior radiologic excavations have been completed
- 13) remove language in Tech Memo referring to additional analysis beyond the 95%UCL.

Navy to provide:

- 14) redline/strikeout version of Tech Memo and RAWP
- 15) Proposal for administratively documenting changes to ROD. Plus consider City's request to apply changes to areas beneath buildings.
- 16) Navy to consider notifying public at next meeting of any approved changes.





# RUC1



Site	Original FS Volume (bcy)	Excavation Optimization Plan	Depth	Original Excavation Volume (bcy)	Optimized Excavation Volume (bcy)	Volume Difference (bcy)	Change to ROD
RU-C1							
22-1	14,568	No change; excavate originally proposed volume.	no change	14,599	14,599	0	No
22-2	141	Tier 2. Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary.	<i>Excavation complete</i>	141	0	(141)	Yes
COS-2-1	117	No change; excavate originally proposed volume.	no change	117	117	0	No
COS-2-2	90	Data error. No further remedial action necessary.		90	0	(90)	N/A



# RUC4



Site	Original FS Volume (bcy)	Excavation Optimization Plan	Depth	Original Recalc Excavation Volume (bcy)	Optimized Excavation Volume (bcy)	Volume Difference (bcy)	Change to ROD
RU-C4							
23-1	10,233	Tier 3 (or Tier 2). Reduce footprint based on 10x RRG for metals, PCB.	<i>Varies: 10x RRG for metals and PCBs based on deepest known conc</i>	10,268	1,852	(8,416)	Yes
23-2	259	Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary, pending confirmation sample results.	<i>Confirm removal by verifying depth and location of T1 excavation</i>	260	0	(260)	No
23-3	89	Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary, pending confirmation sample results.	<i>Confirm removal by verifying depth and location of T1 excavation</i>	89	0	(89)	No
24-1	453	No change; excavate originally proposed volume.	no change	451	451	0	No
24-2	182	Reduce excavation depth from 10.2 to 2.75 ft bgs based on confirmation sample results.	2.75'	182	50	(132)	No
24-3	142	Tier 2. Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary because sample is so close to RRGs.	<i>Excavation complete</i>	143	0	(143)	Yes
24-4	215	Reduce footprint based on confirmation sample results.	9'	167	121	(46)	No
24-5	387	Tier 3 (or Tier 2). Reduce footprint based on confirmation sample results.	7'	385	26	(359)	Yes
24-6	384	Reduce excavation depth from 10.2 to 7 ft bgs based on confirmation sample results.	7'	385	262	(123)	No
26-1	79	Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary.	<i>Verify sample is removed - TPH program</i>	79	0	(79)	No
26-2	89	Reduce excavation depth from 10.9 to 4.75 ft bgs based on confirmation sample results.	4.75'	91	40	(51)	No
CMI-1	435	Reduce excavation depth from 9.4 to 4.25 ft bgs based on confirmation sample results	4.25'	435	192	(243)	No





# RUC5



Site	Original FS Volume (bcy)	Excavation Optimization Plan	Depth	Original Excavation Volume (bcy)	Optimized Excavation Volume (bcy)	Volume Difference (bcy)	Change to ROD
RU-C4							
23-1	10,233	Tier 3 (or Tier 2). Reduce footprint based on 10x RRG for metals, PCB.	<i>Varies: 10x RRG for metals and PCBs based on deepest known conc</i>	10,268	1,852	(8,416)	Yes
23-2	259	Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary, pending confirmation sample results.	<i>Confirm removal by verifying depth and location of T1 excavation</i>	260	0	(260)	No
23-3	89	Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary, pending confirmation sample results.	<i>Confirm removal by verifying depth and location of T1 excavation</i>	89	0	(89)	No
24-1	453	No change; excavate originally proposed volume.	no change	451	451	0	No
24-2	182	Reduce excavation depth from 10.2 to 2.75 ft bgs based on confirmation sample results.	2.75'	182	50	(132)	No
24-3	142	Tier 2. Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary because sample is so close to RRGs.	<i>Excavation complete</i>	143	0	(143)	Yes
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24-5	387	Tier 3 (or Tier 2). Reduce footprint based on confirmation sample results.	7'	385	26	(359)	Yes
24-6	384	Reduce excavation depth from 10.2 to 7 ft bgs based on confirmation sample results.	7'	385	262	(123)	No
26-1	79	Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary.	<i>Verify sample is removed - TPH program</i>	79	0	(79)	No
26-2	89	Reduce excavation depth from 10.9 to 4.75 ft bgs based on confirmation sample results.	4.75'	91	40	(51)	No
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# Building 241 Area



Site	Original FS Volume (bcy)	Excavation Optimization Plan	Depth	Original Recalc Excavation Volume (bcy)	Optimized Excavation Volume (bcy)	Volume Difference (bcy)	Change to ROD
Building 241							
18-1	179	Reduce excavation depth from 10.7 to 8 ft bgs based on confirmation sample results.	8'	178	133	(45)	No
18-2	284	Reduce footprint based on confirmation sample results and previous removal actions. Reduce excavation depth from 9.6 to 7.75 bgs based on confirmation sample results.	7.75'	284	80	(204)	No
18-3	2,856	No change; excavate originally proposed volume.	no change	2,868	2,868	0	No
18-4	189	Excavation is complete. No further remedial action necessary.	Confirm removal by verifying depth of T1 excavation	189	0	(189)	No
Totals:				42,368	25,746	(16,622)	

Summary volumes not considering typical overexcavation rate of 10-15%.

Including over-excavation rate (10%): 28,320 (14,048)

Notes:

bcy - bank cubic yards

bgs - below ground surface

ft - feet

RU - Remedial Unit

Total Volume Reduction associated with ROD Deviation: (11,645)



# Administrative Documentation



- Type of change
  - Nonsignificant or minor change
  - Evaluated based on
    - Scope
    - Performance
    - Cost
- Memo to file



# Schedule Update



- Draft Tech Memo issued for review 3/14/2013
- Tech Memo meeting 3/19/2013
- BCT comments on Draft Work Plan 3/29/2013
- Final Work Plan to be issued 5/13/2013
- Field work to begin (May 2013)
  - Based on radiological work completed, excavations will begin in area RU-C5

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